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executed on behalf of the Academy, May, 1, 1888, and the following resolution for the appointment of the required committee was adopted:—

Resolved—That a committee not exceeding five, to be appointed under the deed of trust of Mrs. Emma W. Hayden, shall first be recommended by the Council of the Academy and shall be selected from the members at large and their names submitted to a vote of the Academy annually, and if said vote of the Academy shall show their election, they shall act as such committee under said deed.

The thanks of the Academy were ordered, November 20, to be conveyed to Mrs. Clara Jessup Bloomfield Moore for her liberal addition of \$5000.00 to the Jessup Fund endowed by her father, the late A. E. Jessup. By subsequent action of the Council the entire amount was ordered to be placed to the credit of that portion of the fund which is appropriated to the assistance of young naturalists.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN.

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary during the past year have been neither important nor onerous.

The correspondence has related mainly to the publications of the Academy, being either acknowledgments from corresponding societies or the usual letters transmitting their publications.

The acknowledgments number sixty by letter and forty-three by card, divided as follows:

By card, American societies 23, Foreign 20.

By letter, American societies 15, Foreign 45.

The letters of transmittal represent thirty-eight bodies, of which but one is American. These, with the latter exception, are very nearly all those continuing their sendings through the International Exchange Agency.

During the past year the duties of the office were kindly performed by the Curator-in-charge for five months in the interval of the Secretary's absence abroad.

An opportunity was afforded of seeing personally the officers in charge of the libraries of some of our corresponding societies, and

of examining the series of our publications on their shelves. The deficiencies which we could probably supply were indicated, as well as those not at our disposition.

All expressed themselves satisfied with the sending of our publications by mail and promised to do the same when the size of their volume permitted.

During the year there have been elected four Correspondents of the Academy all of whom have been promptly notified.

The duty of acknowledging donations to the museum which by the by-laws, devolves on the Corresponding Secretary, has been assumed by the Curator-in-charge. The Corresponding Secretary would again suggest such modification of the laws as will render this legal. The reasons for the change are too obvious to need explanation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HORN, M. D.,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the library recorded since November 30, 1887 amount to 3957, an increase of 577 over those received during the preceding year. They consisted of 659 volumes, 3284 pamphlets parts of periodicals and instalments of continued works and 14 maps.

The accessions have been received from the following sources:—

Societies,	1619	Geological Survey of Minnesota,	4
Editors,	838	Ministry of Public Works in France,	4
I. V. Williamson Fund,	952	Geological Survey of New South Wales,	3
Authors,	203	Geological Survey of Canada,	3
Thomas Meehan,	47	Mr. Wm. J. Potts,	3
Geological Survey of Sweden,	29	Geological Survey of New Jersey,	3
Geological Survey of Russia,	25	Executors of the late Dr. Geo. Martin,	3
Wilson Fund,	23	Prof. Angelo Heilprin,	2
Australian Museum,	21	Geological Survey of Kentucky,	2
In Exchange,	21	Mrs. L. Fox,	2
Government of Victoria,	15	Mr. Charles E. Smith,	2
Treasury Department,	12	Mr. J. H. Redfield,	2
Department of Agriculture,	12	Mrs. Dr. C. Hering,	2
Department of the Interior,	10	South African Museum,	2
Geological Survey of India,	10	Indian Museum at Calcutta,	1
Department of State,	9		
Hon. Chas. M. Betts,	7		
Engineer Department U. S. A.,	7		